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WATAUGA DEMOCRAT-EVERY THURSDAY-BOONE, N. C.

Fewer Marriages In, '53 Beta Beta Beta **Honors** College **In Mountain Counties**

Atheville, Jan. 2 — Twelve of Western North Carolina's 19 counties had fewer marriages in 1852 than in 1951, according to figures made public yesterday. The seven WNC counties which reported increases:

Graham from 19 to 22, Hay-wood 222 to 225, Macon 48 to 55, Polk 19 to 28, Rutherford 138 to 144, Swain 92 to 83 and Yancey 77 to 83,

The following counties reportfewer marriages:

ed fewer marriages: Buncombe 726 in 1951 to 673 in 1952, Avery 89 to 82, Cherokee 55 to 33, Clay 7 to 5, Henderson 212 to 148, Jackson 161 to 66, Madison 58 to 42, McDowell 209 to 206, Mitchell 84 to 58, Transyl-vania 40 to 38 and Watauga 144 L. Count to 127.

There were 2,403 marriages in these 19 WNC counties in 1952 as compared with 2765 in 1951.

Not only is the marriage rate in North Carolina almost half again as low as the National rate, but the rate of declines is also greater in North Carolina than

for the country as a whole. Marriage licenses issued in North Carolina during 1952 totaled 26,564, or a rate of 6.4 per usand. During 1951, the number was 28,608, or 6.9 per thou-sand. This means that the drop in 1952 as compared with 1951 was 7.2 per cent.

During the same period, the drop in the United States as a was from 10.6 in 1951 to 10.0 in 1952, a decline of 5.7 per

The decline in the marriage rate in 1952 as compared with 1951 general throughout the country. There was a drop in 40 of the 48 states. There was an actual in crease in only six states, two of them, California and Louisiana remaining unchanged. Even Ne vada experienced a decline. The 1952 rate was 266.8 per thousand as compared with 287.9 in 1951, a drop during the year of 7.3 per

The six states which saw in-

Appalachian State Teachers College was honored in the Beta Beta Beta convention last Dec-ember 29 at the meetings of the American Association for the Ad-vancement of Science at Boston, Mass, when the delegates at the convention of Tri Beta unanim-ously approved the application for a charter by students of the biology department of the col-

Fertilizer To **Be Plentiful**

The fertilizer supply for this year looks very favorable in North Carolina, the state whose farmers use more plant food than any other. But the word went out for farmers to order their supply

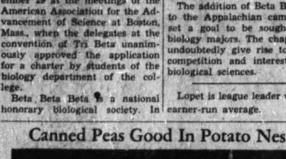
L. E. Tuckwiller, Watauga County farm agent for the State College Extension Service, re-minded farmers that there frequently are spot shortages of certain favored materials-even in year of good over-all supply. "The best way to have the right type and the desired amount of fertilizer available when it is needed is to order, early."

Tar Heel fermers used 1,850,-000 tons of fertilizer during the 1952-53 crop year, slightly less than the preceeding year. The state's agricultural leaders have urged farmers to continue to boost their yields by apply plant food "where it is needed in the quantity it is needed."

Mr. Tuckwiller says that with sound fertilizer management this year Watauga farmers need not worry too much about declining

farm prices. The county agent says a recent USDA report indicates that fertilizer supplied over the nation will be up 11 per cent for the 1953-54 crop year. The amount of nitrogen will be about 2 million tons, phosphates about 2 2-3 million tons, and potash a little under 2 million tons.

Pro football had its best season in 1953; TV was a factor.





Canned peas, one of the leading vegetible packs, have an established popularity based on their delicate and sweet flavor. This attribute accounts for their acceptance "as is" and why they can be combined with so many other vegetables. For a substantial vegetable course, serve canned peas atop baked stuffed potatoes. And let the canned food shelf provide other mena suggestions. For the main course have baked luncheon loaf with a peach syrup glaze, accompanied by cling peach halves filled with pickle relish.

Peas in Potnto Boats: Bake 3 large potatoes in hot oven (450°F.) one hour. Cut potatoes in half being careful not to break shell. Scoop out potato; mash, season with salt, pepper and butter. Add hot milk to make fuffy mashed potatoes. Put back in shell heaping the potato at the sides and leaving large depression in center. Brown under broiler. Drain a 1-pound can peas; reduce liquid by boiling to about one half. Add peas, salt, pepper and butter; heat to serving temperature. Fill potato centers with peas. YIELD: 6 servings.

Luncheon Loaf with Peach Garnish: Place 2 luncheon meat loaves together in baking pan; score the top and insert cloves. Sprinkle with 3 tablespoons of brown sugar. Pour 1 cup syrup drained from canned cling peaches around meat. Bake in moderate oven (375°F.) 30 min-utes, basting several times during baking with the syrup. During last 15 minutes, place peach halves in pan with meat and fill centers with pickle relish. YIELD: 6 servings.



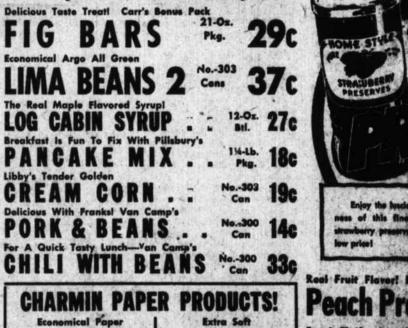
order to establish schapter, the college or university wishing a charter must meet high standards charter must meet high standards set by the organization. Once a chapter is obtained, the indivi-duals seeking admission to the chapter must show both interest and a high degree of excellence in their work.

The addition of Beta Beta Beta to the Appalachian campus will set a goal to be sought by all biology majors. The chapter will undoubtedly give rise to greater competition and interest in the

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